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1. DUR CONTINUING UNAVAILABILITY OF ATSEROV, EMBOFF JUNE 17
CONTACTED A.I. ANDREYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MINISTRY OF MERCHANT
MARINE FOREIGN RELATIONS ADMINISTRATION, TO RELAY SUBSTANCE OF
PARA 3 REF B (REINFORCED BY STATEMENT IN PARA 2 REF A). IN
REPLY ANDREYEV EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLY SURPRISE, STATING THAT
ON CONTRARY MINISTRY WAS WAITING FOR WRITTEN CLARIFICATION
FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WALDMANN REGARDING USG POSITION
ON INMARSAT.

2. ANDREYEV RECALLED BILATERAL MEETING EVENING OF MAY 9
BETWEEN MEMBERS OF US AND USSR DELEGATIONS TO LONDON CONFERENCE.
US WAS REPRESENTED BY WALDMANN, O'NEILL AND FISHMAN; USSR BY
DEPUTY MINISTER KOLESNICHENKO, KOLESOV (FROM MFA), AND HIMSELF.
ACCORDING TO ANDREYEV CONVERSATION REVOLVED AROUND DEFINITION
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OF UF ENTITY WHICH WOULD BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE WITHIN

INMARSAT OPERATING AGREEMENT. FISHMAN REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "THE UNITED STATES WOULD BEAR FULL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, BUT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NONE." THIS STATEMENT CONFUSED THE SOVIETS, CONTINUED ANDREYEV, AND WALDMANN HAD THEN ALLEGEDLY OFFERED TO PREPARE PAPER EXPLAINING ONCE AGAIN WHAT USG HAS IN MIND. MERCHANT MARINE MINISTRY IS AWAITING THIS PAPER, CONCLUDED ANDREYEV, WHICH -- HE SAID -- HAD BEEN PROMISED WITHIN THREE WEEKS OF CONFERENCE'S CONCLUSION. SOVIETS PRESENT AT MAY 9 MEETING, HE EMPHASIZED, HAD PROMISED NO SUCH PAPER SETTING OUT SOVIET VIEWS ON POSSIBLE INMARSAT CONVENTION.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO ANDREYEV'S REMARKS.

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